

Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

Parish Newsletter

October 2021



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PLUS
SWOP
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CHILDREN'S
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The George, Kempsford

Saturday 2nd October

12 noon to 3.00pm

KEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Teresa Griffin, Winterwood, Whelford, Fairford, Glos. GL7 4EB

Tel: 01285 713691 Email: clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Parish Open Evening - Tuesday 5th October, 7.30pm Kempford Village Hall

Tuesday 19th October 2021 at 7.45pm, Kempford Village Hall

Tuesday 16th November 2021 at 7.45pm, Kempford Village Hall

Parking along Top Road, Kempford

We have received a complaint regarding people parking cars outside neighbouring properties on Top Road, and on occasion for lengthy periods.

Please be considerate to your neighbours when parking and ensure you do not hamper their visibility when accessing their drives. Thank you.

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Copy for the above Newsletter to Teresa Griffin by
MONDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2021 PLEASE

Email: clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net

Kempsford Village Hall booking for the month

	Sunday	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays
AM		10:00 - 11:00 Pilates Rona Bennett 01865 820754		12:00 - 13:00 Pilates Janice Koo			9:00 - 11:00 Yoga Charlie McKenna
PM		15:30 - 16:30 Rainbows Caroline Gooch			12:00 - 14:00 Post Office		
Evening			20:00 - 21:00 Yoga Charlie McKenna (Except 3rd Tues- day of month)	19:00 - 20:00 Pilates Rona Bennett 07885 991673	15:30 - 17:00 Brownies Philippa Griffin 01285 810754/ 0779 3562704		
	20:00 - 21:00 Yoga Charlie McKenna		19:45 - 21:45 Parish Council Meeting (monthly, 3rd Tuesday)	20:00 - 21:30 Village Hall Meeting (monthly, 2nd Wednesday)	20:00 - 21:00 Meditation Shilpa		

KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| * Hannah Dickens (Chair) | * Mark Britt (Vice-Chair) |
| * Jo Colson (Treasurer) | * Joy Cross (Secretary) |
| * Mel Denny (Bookings Secretary) | * Amy Durban (Health & Safety) |
| * Kate Collins | Louise Jeffrey (Safeguarding) |
| Karen Saunders (Parish Council Rep.) | Louise Edwards |
| Rev Kim Brown | |

** Denotes Trustee*

To contact any Committee Member email infokempsfordvillagehall@kempsford.net

New members are always welcome!



WE'RE BACK!!

KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL CAFÉ
IS REOPENING

Thursday 14th October 12 – 2pm

Come and try our Homemade Soups and Bread,
Delicious Cakes,
Fresh Coffee and Speciality Teas

Catch up with old friends, make new and
enjoy the friendly atmosphere once again

Covid-19: To keep your and our volunteers safe
we ask that you sanitise your hands as you enter the hall
and wear masks at all times inside,
unless you are seated and eating.

***Christmas Soirée Saturday 4th December at 6pm in
Kempford Church***

I am delighted to make a long awaited return to Kempford church, to showcase once again the wonderful talent amongst the children from the parish. Everyone welcome to enjoy an evening of song and seasonal refreshments.

Sharon Elliott

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Towards the Future of Kempford.

Your Parish Council needs your input.

Speeding * Roads * Quarries

* Water (lack of pressure!) * Sewage (blocked pipes!)

Planning

What new housing development?

Anything else?

We are sure there is.....but need your ideas, concerns, thoughts or comments.

As we have not had a face to face Parish Annual General Meeting since April 2019, the Parish Council would like to hear from you as a way of moving forward.

To this end an Open Evening, with time to meet and discuss issues or simply just to leave comments, regarding the Parish and the community, will be held in the Kempford Village Hall on Tuesday 5th October starting at 7.30pm.

Come and have a chat over tea, coffee and/or refreshments

ST MARY'S KEMPSFORD WITH ST ANNE'S WHELFORD

Contact details for the parish

Rev Kim Brown - 01285 810954 or revkimbrown10a@gmail.com

Lay Preacher – Rob Mitchell 01285 712821

Church wardens: Elizabeth Emberson dizylizzie@sky.com

or Keith Howlett - 01285 712268 keith.howlett1@btopenworld.com

or there is a Facebook page The 5 Villages

October 2021

In recent weeks I'm sure we've all seen the tractors, trailers and combines going up and down the lanes of our villages, bringing in the harvest. The bales of hay are efficiently cut, rolled and transported. Farmers are out late at night, working in the dark by tractor headlights to get the job done. If you've watched Clarkson's Farm, filmed fairly near to us in Oxfordshire, you'll know all about the long hours and the perilous profits of some UK farmers. We owe our local farmers a debt of gratitude, as they grow food and take care of livestock, aswell as maintaining hedgerows and footpaths.

The Bible is full of stories about agriculture, and in particular planting, sowing and harvesting. They help us to think about what we are investing in, what are we planting in our lives right now and what kind of a harvest will that reap for our futures? Are we investing time and energy in what really matters to us, or just going through the motions? They also help us to pinpoint what season of life we are in – is it summer and we have lots of energy and sunshine to help us grow new things, or are we in a winter season when things are coming to an end and need to be cut back hard to allow for new shoots to emerge in spring? Have we been hibernating during Covid and now need to come out and seek nourishment?

In church, we are looking to the future and making plans for new things. We are taking responsibility for our local environmental impact and making changes to tread more lightly on the earth. We will be working in partnership with the Parish Council and our village primary school to do this. One of the main planks of this work is to improve the environment in the graveyard, and we will be asking residents to remove plastic items and lights from the graves which make a negative impact on wildlife, and offering free bulbs to be planted on graves instead. We will invest in some new benches and plant some wildflower areas. There will be a public meeting to explain this in more detail, open to all with an interest in the graveyard, on Monday 11th October in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Please do come along to hear the plans.

Our PCC has made a commitment to install a loo and kitchen area in the church, a much needed improvement for all who come to services or for funerals and weddings. We will share more as plans unfold. Whatever season of life you are in, I wish you a blessed autumn and a harvest of goodness in your life. Rev Kim x

St Mary's, Kempford with St Anne's, Whelford

Church Services

Sunday 3 October	10.00 am Kempford* *(Note change of time)	Holy Communion service in the churchyard with the Bishop of Gloucester, The Right Rev'd Rachel Treweek. All are welcome. We will have coffee at The George under the marquee afterwards from 11.15am onwards.
Sunday 10 October	8.30 am Whelford 9.30 am Kempford	Holy Communion Service of the Word
Sunday 24 October	9.30 am Whelford 4pm Kempford	Holy Communion and Harvest Festival Family Service
Sunday 31 October	9.30 am	5 Villages worship together on the 5 th Sunday at Kempford

Dates Ahead for your diary

Monday 1st November at 7 pm. All Souls Service to remember all those we love who have died.

Morning Prayer continues to take place, via The 5 Villages Facebook page, every weekday at 8 am.

St Mary's is now open every day for prayer and reflection. **St Anne's** is open on Fridays for prayer and reflection.

Thank you to all those who contributed to the success of the Garden Party at the Parsonage.

Thank you all for your generous contributions to the Food bank during the Harvest Services. **Collection boxes are in place in the porches at both St Mary's and St Anne's and are emptied regularly. Items that are particularly in short supply at the moment are: Sweets & chocolate , Jam, peanut butter, breakfast bars, sponge puddings, tinned soup, and longlife large juice cartons.**



**FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD & LECHLADE
COMMUNITIES**

(Reg. Charity No: 1180059)

YOUR LOCAL CHARITY

Serving Fairford, Lechlade and the surrounding villages.

(Formerly League of Friends of Fairford Hospital)

News and Information from your Community Friends



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – 13TH NOVEMBER 2-5pm

CHARITY CRAFT FAIR LECHLADE MEMORIAL HALL

A whole host of festive stalls for you to enjoy. Light refreshments will be available and the very popular Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Raffle with prizes from Thyme, Bibury Trout Farm, Cotswold Wildlife Park, The Bull, Fairford Therapy and many more. A great afternoon out with FREE tattoos and a craft area for all children.

All stalls are now sold, if anyone would like to go on a cancellation list then please get in touch. We look forward to seeing you there on the 13th. For further information please contact Val Harvey voluntarycarservice1of@gmail.com or on 07540798226.

CHARITY BIKE RIDE RAISES OVER £500 FOR COMMUNITY FRIENDS

Congratulations and thank you to David Nash who has completed his Charity Bike Ride encompassing 51 local villages and hamlets during June, July and August, raising over £520 for Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities. David would like to thank everyone who has kindly donated to this fundraising event and very much appreciated all the support and wonderful comments. We are very grateful to David for choosing to support Community Friends for his cycle ride. The Virgin Money Giving site is still live so please visit <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/DavidNash32/1> if you would like to donate.

COULD YOU HELP OUT IN OUR CHARITY SHOP

Unfortunately, we have seen a loss of some of our previous volunteers following the pandemic. We are looking to increase our volunteers to ensure we can maintain the friendly customer service and much sought-after facility we provide through our charity shop in Lechlade. If you, or anyone you know could help, please visit the shop, call 01367 252189 or email Fairford.lof@hotmail.com

**Please note that you can now drop off donations any day the shop is open
no appointment necessary.**

Monday Closed All Day: Tuesday-Friday 9.30am-3.45pm: Saturday 9.30am- 1.15pm

COVID-19 COMMUNITY FUNDING SUPPORT – REMAINS OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

The Community Friends' Covid-19 Support Fund established to provide financial support to local organisations, charities, volunteer groups, families and individuals who have been impacted by Covid-19 remains open for applications. To date the fund has provided grants exceeding £77,000 to local individuals, organisations and charities. Please refer to our website for details of how to apply and the criteria we use to assess applications (www.friendsoffairford.org.uk).

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED URGENTLY

Our team of volunteer drivers provide a lifeline to many in our community who need to get to their medical appointments at the GPs and hospitals. With appointments opening again we urgently need more drivers to help with this vital community service. We ask our volunteers to complete a DBS check as this service provides much needed support and assistance to many vulnerable people in the community. Car running costs are paid for.

If you think you can help, please contact Val Harvey on 07540 798226 or email Val at voluntarycarservicelof@gmail.com

With thanks for all your support. Please refer to our website www.friendsoffairford.org.uk for more information about the Community Friends

Shelley Welsh, Chair

Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities (Reg. Charity No. 1180059)



ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY

A rare and exciting opportunity to join a local charity making a huge impact improving the lives of people living and working in the Stroud and Cotswold Districts. The role is to assist in the smooth running of the offices in Stroud and/or Cirencester.

The post holder will be highly organised with strong administration skills, excellent customer service and enjoy working as part of a team. There will be opportunities to use your excellent IT skills to help us take advantage of the latest technology.

12 hours per week (over 4/5 days)

Permanent

Salary: £18,600 per year pro rata

25 days annual leave plus Bank Holidays, calculated pro rata.

Up to 7.75% matched pension contributions.

For further information or an application form, please contact –

info@ca-scd.org.uk.

Closing date for applications: Monday 4th October 2021 at midday.

Village Organisations & Useful Contacts

Vicar	Rev Kim Brown	revkimbrown10a@gmail.com	01285 810954
Church Wardens	Keith Howlett	Keith.howlett1@btopenworld.com	01285 712268
	Elizabeth Emberson	dizzylizzy@sky.com	
Church Choir	Mrs Cathy Stanford		713033
Church Bells	Iris Lewis		810770
Kempsford School	Mr Richard Mendum	(Head Teacher)	810367
Chairman of School Governors	Darren Jeffrey	chair@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk	810875
Farmors School	Mr Matthew Evans (Head)		712302
Kempsford Village Hall Bookings	Mel Denny	villagehallbookings@kempsford.net	0734 1901986
Whelford Village Hall & bookings	Sue Griffin	374croft@gmail.com	712979
Kempsford Angling Club	Mr J Hussey		810446
Kempsford Brownies	Philippa Griffin	https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/	
Cricket	Anthony Axel-Berg		07766222951
Royal British Legion	Mr A Hill		810035
Soldiers, Sailors & Airman's Acc. (SSAFA)	Mr & Mrs A Hill		810035
Scottish & Southern Electricity			0800 072 7282
Thames Water			0800 316 9800
Non-emergency Police Contact			101
NHS 111 Service		(when less urgent than 999)	111
Environment Agency	Floodline—0845 9881188	General Enquiries -	03708 506 506
Bulk Refuse	(phone to book)		01285 623000
Highway Matters & Street Light Faults		highways@gloucestershire.gov.uk	08000 514 514
Kempsford Hand Bell Team (Beaubells)	Iris Lewis		01285 810770
Cotswold District Councillors	Steve Trotter	Steve.trotter@cotswold.gov.uk	07710 405323
	Stephen Andrews	Stephen.andrews@cotswold.gov.uk	01285 719924
Cotswold District Council			623000
Gloucestershire County Council			01452 425000
		Out of hours <u>Social Care issues only</u>	01452 614194
Gloucestershire County Councillor	Mr Dom Morris	Dominic.morris@gloucestershire.gov.uk	07500894702
Constituency MP	Sir Geoffrey Clifton Brown	cliftonbrowng@parliament.uk	01242 514551
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Kempsford Website		www.kempsford.net	
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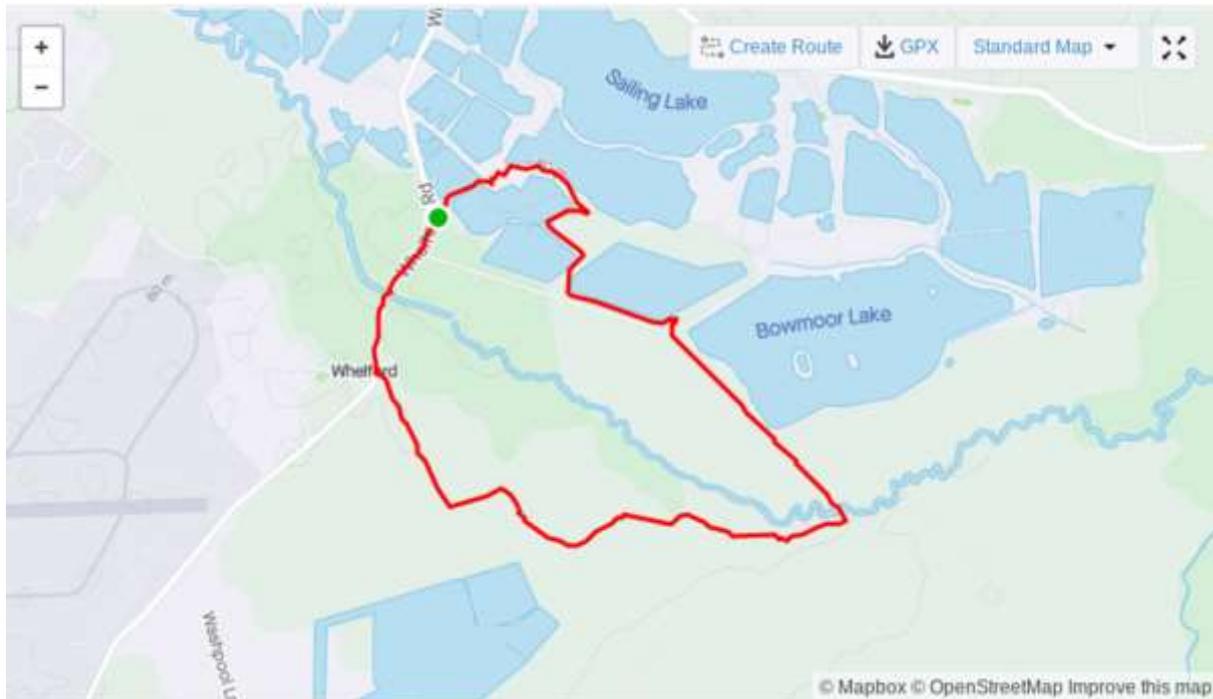
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Online



'Kempsford Village'
'Kempsford Mums & Dads'

Walk 8: Whelford and Dudgrove public footpaths



Distance **3.68mi**

Moving Time **1:00:53**

Pace **16.31/mi**

Almost smashed the sub-one hour barrier today albeit for only 3.68 miles! This month we start from the Whelford Pools Nature Reserve. Sadly we have to carefully walk on the road up to Whelford, crossing the Coln (Pic 1), before getting to the bend where the Jenner's Barn sign is. Please be careful, and if you have children I suggest you drop them off with an adult on the Jenner's Barn road before parking the car at the Whelford Pool finishing point. Down that road you will come to where the road goes off to the left to the Jenner's Barn. We need, however, to carry straight on until the T-junction is reached where we make a left onto what is now a farm track with super tall trees alongside (black poplar?). Carry on past the stile/gate where the footpath arrow will give you some idea of the bearing in the field. The walk goes past a beautiful but small cotswold stone barn - Pic 2 doesn't do it justice. Walking to the left of the barn you will come to a metal gate with a bit missing which allows you to get through if you can get down on your hands and knees!. Walk straight across the next field to the line of trees and turn left.



When the line of trees finishes, go off at about “2 o’clock” and look for the corner of the field and the field exit - there are a couple of fairly tall willow trees and an ash tree to aim for. Having exited the field by the correct exit hopefully, go left and follow the hedge around (there is one mini ditch to cross). This walk is an anti-clockwise one so if in doubt go left. However at the end of the hedge don’t go left into the adjoining field, but go straight over an overgrown bridge and then turn left - there is a green sign here telling you that it is a public right of way (PROW) - see Pic 3. Some of you that have “beaten the bounds” may now start to recognize where you are - we are getting close to Dudgrove. Another left and follow the track to the Dudgrove road, where you guessed it we turn left and then cross the Coln (pic 4). Yippee some of you say we have crossed the river an even number of times so must be on the side we started. However, we have a bit of tarmac first before we get to the PROW into Lakes by You, which will be on your right just before the bend in the road (Pic 5). After you have entered LbY look very soon for a gap in the hedge on your left. This will get you off the estate road and onto a traditional footpath running parallel with the road. Very soon you will see a new foot-bridge on the left. This is the new footpath we walked the other way around in one of the earlier WOTMs. Going this way around you can see the PROW sign on the bridge (Pic 6) - don’t think there is one at the other end. You will also see some of the latest LbY offerings, the architecture of which you may or may not like! Follow this new path until you go by the 2 new benches and get to the new bridge at the end. The first bench is so high off the ground that even I at 5’ 11” + 3-quarters of an inch at my last “old man” medical cannot touch the ground! Don’t know which is the worst - being told you are not 6ft or having dangly legs on a bench. Having crossed the new bridge, walk for about 200-300m with the Conservation Lake on your right before turning left into the WPNR by the interpretation board. So a shorter walk and again I didn’t meet anyone - shame about the road at the start.

Richard Caswell

